



UMC Messenger

OCTOBER 2018


GROTON/CONDE

**CHARGE
CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 13TH
3-4:30 PM
ABERDEEN
FIRST UMC**



Why did the farmer bring his new cow to church?

He heard they were getting a new pasture



From *The* Pastor

Hello Church!

What a start to our Fall. Let's look at some highlights:

-) We kicked off this Fall Semester with our "Rally Sunday" where we joined our two churches both Groton and Conde and we worshiped with a record number for 2018! **God. Is. Moving.**
-) We also began a "One Thing" campaign at the church in Groton where we focus our efforts towards one thing each month that serves our neighbors. By your generous hearts we will have enough money to put a book in every child's hand at Groton Elementary in October. **God. Is. Moving.**
-) Our Sunday School, Youth Group, and Confirmation Group ministries have all began and had successful starts engaging more than 40 young people! **God. Is. Moving.**
-) We have also reached 500-850 people each week through our Facebook page! (Go like the page, its worth it!) **God. Is. Moving.**

Now that we turn our attention to October it brings new joys. Those with Children have schedules that have started to become routines again, the weather has cooled off and the leaves will begin to change, and harvest will overtake our farmers. I pray that we are able to continue to draw from what we have been learning in church about the way God speaks to us through His creation. That as the seasons begin to change we take a moment to be still and listen to the Spirit as it leads us forward. That we be patient, intentional, and supportive of others as we move forward from our mountains. I pray we hold an expectant faith that will feed our souls as we look out to the harvest God has prepared for us.

Lastly, I want to thank all of those who welcomed Ashely and I on September 9th. We are so thankful to have a community of people around us that are so welcoming and supportive as we get settled into this new place.

Peace be with you.
Pastor Brandon Dunham





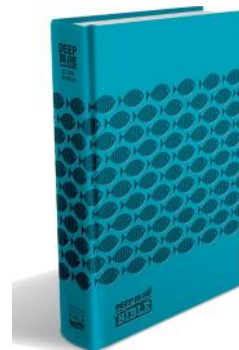
Groton Baby Blessing Showers Groton 3rd Grade Bibles

Blessing Shower for Xavier will be October 7th during coffee hour. Xavier was born August 22nd to Caroline Graf & Matt C Richards.

Blessing Shower for Beckett Rose will be October 21st during coffee hour. Beckett was born July 12th to Ian and Karen Rose and family, Rylie, Graham, and Nolan.



3rd Graders will be receiving their Bibles during church on October 7th. They are Rylie Rose, Journey Zieroth, and Taryn Thompson



Thanks to all church members and UMW members who helped in any way to support our UMW Rummage Sale recently.

Thank you for all the cards, food , flowers and phone calls I received while I was in the hospital. " My church family is very important to me and it was a joy to attend Sunday service last week and see everyone." Marjory Townsend



Thank you for the thoughtful gifts & well wishes for Ava & Zoey's baptism. We are so thankful they will be surrounded by such loving people as they grow in the Church. They are lucky to have all of you guiding them in their relationships with God. Nick & Jenna

**CHURCH
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Technology Connects Groton UMC

Are you connected? Do you know what is happening and how you can become more involved in your church? Technology is a great tool but what happens if you aren't in that group? The church office tries to reach everyone and if you aren't being reached, please contact us.

No Technology. You have this monthly newsletter and calendar inserted. Yes, the calendar can change during the month but those changes are usually reflected in the weekly bulletin. If you miss church, there are usually bulletins left over sitting on the table in the back. We do phone calls/text messages for special events and weather cancellations. If you have a telemarketer block you will not receive the calls so you should have someone you know call you when they receive one.

Email. If you do not receive emails from the church and wish to, please let us know. We have the website that has the monthly newsletter posted on it and past newsletters for history purposes. The website also has all the church committee books posted for when you have misplaced yours. grotonumc.org Attached to the website is also our online church calendar that is updated as soon as Kay is notified of changes and happenings. You can always check here for what is happening today. It is also phone friendly as is the website, so have those bookmarked.

Online Church Directory. This is available only to our church members and friends. If you need help putting this on your smart phone please let the church office know. It is a great tool to help with addresses and phone numbers. Updates are always greatly appreciated as well as updated photos. If you don't have a smart phone, you may also download the pdf from the church website to your computer. Contact the church office for the password. No technology, the church office may print you an updated directory occasionally.

Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/grotonsdumc/> is the location of the church Facebook page which Pastor Brandon updates. <https://www.facebook.com/Groton-United-Methodist-Youth-Group-1480462902253612/> is the page for our youth and their happenings. <https://www.facebook.com/Groton-UMC-Kids-ministry-947572481992696/> is the page for our children's ministry. Be sure to add these pages to your Facebook to keep up-to-date.

Are we missing you? Is there more we can do to keep you informed? Please let Pastor Brandon or Kay know...



Conde UMW - Sept

The Conde UMW will meet on Wednesday, October 17th at 9:30 am. We will have our business meeting at this time and be prepared to welcome our Shepherdess, Fern Baily at 10:00. She will give a lesson on Mission work in the Appalachia area of the US.

We did not have very many morning or afternoon General meetings last year, and that is the plan for this year also. However; there will be Bible Studies in the evening when ladies who work can attend.

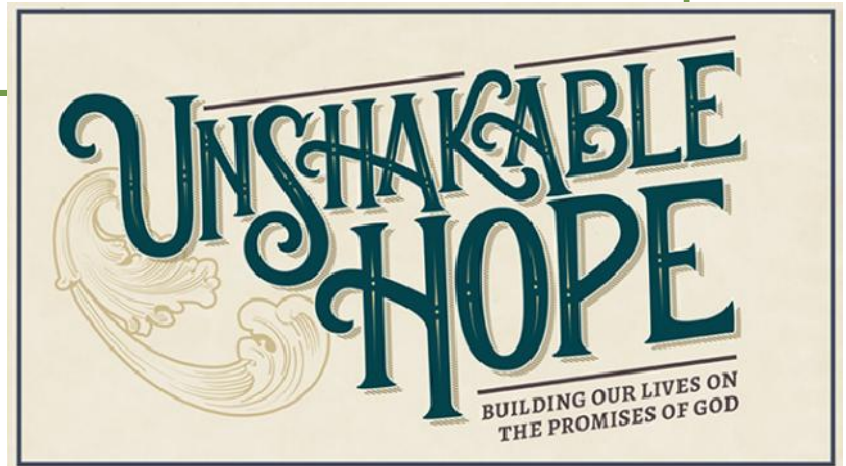
The first session will be at 7:00 Tuesday, October 9th following the Church Board Meeting. The next tentative date will be Tuesday, October 23rd, or some other evening that week. The book that we will use is entitled, "Unshakable Hope – Building Our

Lives on the Promises of God", by Max Lucado. Each person who attends will be able to purchase a book, and there is a DVD and Bible Study to go along with it. The world that we live in seems to cause unsteadiness in our lives. But when we belong to God, it allows us to filter our problems through His promises, and not dwell on the circumstances of life. This is for all persons, not just UMW members. Pass the word along to other friends in the community. They may attend another church, but still like to participate in this type of study. The difference in religious backgrounds and the variety of ages is what makes for interesting discussions.



Conde Tuesday Night Bible Study

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm a group will be meeting at Conde UMC to explore Max Lucado's book Unshakable Hope and grow in fellowship together. Hope to see you there!



Groton UMW Mtg

October 18th at 1:30 pm, Thursday, the Groton UMW will meet and have a program on the World Thank Offering by Jeanne Wanous. Please bring your World Thank Offering boxes. Hostesses will be Darlys Kampa & Jan Raap. We will be finalizing the 2019 Slate of Officers. Please be saving Coffee Cans for the December Cookie Treats.



Conde Ad Board - Sept

The Conde Administrative Board met at 7:00 on Tuesday, September 18th. Much of the time was dedicated to informing Pastor Brandon about some of the things that we have done in the past and what projects we try to continue each year. President Cindy Smith presided over the meeting, and there were six persons present.

Reports from some of the committees were given.

No Trustees were present, but there was discussion on spraying for bugs inside and outside of the church.

Mission Chairman, Donna Hearnen reported that there are 25 School Kits and 14 Hygiene Kits ready to be packed into boxes, and Pat Siefken will deliver them to Allied Van Lines in Aberdeen. From there they go to an UMCOR depot to be distributed to needy areas in the United States. None of these will go overseas this year. The Conde Church will again work with North Highland Church in Aberdeen to provide funds, so they can purchase things for the Shoebox Christmas project, which benefits children at the Enemy Swim Day School. Another mission project which was discussed was World Hunger. We have been using the "loose offering" on the fourth Sunday to go to this mission. A new plan will be decided at our next meeting. Habitat for Humanity benefits from money that people give on their Birthdays.

Education – We don't have enough children for a Sunday School, but it was suggested that Pastor Brandon give a Children's Sermon when there are some in church, and also try and have them help with Communion and taking the offering. Community Bible School was discussed, and with more volun-

teers it is hoped that this event can take place again next Summer. It was greatly missed.

Memorial Chairman, Patty Knoll reported that two tables have been purchased and installed in the little patio area on the east side of the church. They are like a picnic table with benches attached and are made of a heavy metal. There was quite a large sum of memorial money that had been collected, and these tables seemed to be a proper memorial.

Clergy Report by Pastor Brandon. He asked the group how much the congregation would like to participate in the Sunday service; such as Scripture Reading etc. Favorable comments were given on the order of worship that he is using. He reported that Charge Conference would be at the North Highland Church in Aberdeen on Sunday November 11th at 3:00. This will include several churches.

It was decided to try and have monthly Board Meetings with the time being the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings and it is encouraged that more church members and constituents would do so. At the October 9th meeting, the budget will be set and committee members will be nominated. This all has to be done before Charge Conference.

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

"The Conde United Methodist Church is seeking to satisfy the spiritual and physical needs of all."



Council Notes

October Sermon Series



Set Free...

The Fruit of the Spirit

“Fruit of the Spirit” is a biblical term that sums up the nine visible attributes of a true Christian life. Those nine are characteristics of life in Christ. Translated, when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, rather than forces of the “flesh,” the Spirit will produce the nine-fold “fruit” that characterize all who truly walk in the Holy Spirit. Fruit of the Spirit is a

physical manifestation of a Christian’s transformed life.

Join us this month as we go through a three-part series on the fruit of the Spirit, which are the visible attributes of a true Christian life. When Christ truly becomes the center of our life, we are **set free** to live, to serve, and to transform the world.

Minister to your ministers

Accept them as people.
 Build them up. Say “thank you.”
 Communicate with them.
 Defend them when someone tries to run them down.
 Entertain them. They like to have fun, too!
 Family. Allow them to have a family life.
 Genuine. Be honest with them. Be yourself around them.
 Honor them. Don’t put them on a pedestal, but respect them.
 Income. Pay them enough so money isn’t a concern.
 Judge not! Avoid being critical.
 Kind. Treat pastors as you want to be treated.
 Love. See 1 Corinthians 13.
 Maintain. Their families have the same needs as other families.
 Nurture. Help them grow in grace.
 Offer to help. The list of things you can do is endless.
 Pray for them. Lift up their names to God daily.
 Quelch not. Encourage instead!
 Rejoice in and with them.
 Surprise them – in little and big ways.
 Trust them. Believe in them.
 Understand them. Put yourself in their place.
 Vacation. They need time away.
 Welcome them into your home. Don’t wait for an invitation.
 eXpend yourself, not them.
 Yoke. Help them bear their burdens with grace and dignity.
 Zap all gossip!



In honor of Clergy Appreciation Month, use these alphabetical reminders of how to treat your pastors:

One Thing



Its October and that means fall weather and candy! This month our church will be focusing our efforts towards this special outreach event Trunk or Treat.

When? October 31st from 5:30-7:00pm

Where? Groton UMC parking lot
(inside if inclement weather)

Why? Because we love our community!

Sign up will be passed around church services beginning October 7th and we will be looking for people to donate candy, food, and of course...a trunk!

Register before by October 27th and be thinking of a costume!

Contact Pastor Brandon with questions at pastorbrandon@nvc.net

Wealth is worthless

It is said that for money you can have everything, but you cannot. You can buy food, but not appetite; medicine, but not health; knowledge but not wisdom; glitter, but not beauty; fun, but not joy; acquaintances, but not friends; servants, but not faithfulness; leisure, but not peace. You can have the husk of everything for money, but not the kernel.

—Arne Garborg



World Communion Sunday - Oct 7th



One of the special Sundays authorized by the General Conference to be observed with the taking of an offering throughout the denomination. The observance focuses the attention of United Methodists on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. One half of the proceeds from the offering is for

World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one half is to be used for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Groton United Methodist Church

Fall Dinner

Sunday, November 4, 2018

11 am to 1:30 pm

Adults \$10 Children 6 - 10 \$5

Children age 5 and under Free



Roast Beef Dinner

Our Church Celebrations

Groton

- Oct 1 Turner Thompson
- Oct 4 Fred Wolken
Josh Atherton
Rick Hofer
- Oct 5 Jeanne Wanous
- Oct 7 Allen Walter
- Oct 8 Gloria Pharis
Lars & Kelli Hanson
- Oct 9 London Bahr
- Oct 10 Kaleb Hofer
Megan Erickson
Dan & Marjae Schinkel
Charity & Scott Hinman
- Oct 12 Marc & Jane Johnson
Charles & Sabrina Padfield
- Oct 13 Carna Atherton-Pray
- Oct 14 Grady O'Neill
- Oct 15 Brad Morehouse
Jaymie Overacker
Russell Davidson
- Oct 17 Jackson Bahr
- Oct 21 Gary Heitmann
- Oct 22 Kara Pharis
- Oct 23 Randy Stanley
- Oct 24 Karla Davidson
- Oct 25 Lars Hanson
- Oct 26 Harry & Gloria Pharis
Jaeden Morehouse
- Oct 29 Connie Nilsson
- Oct 30 Sara Hofer
Holden Sippel

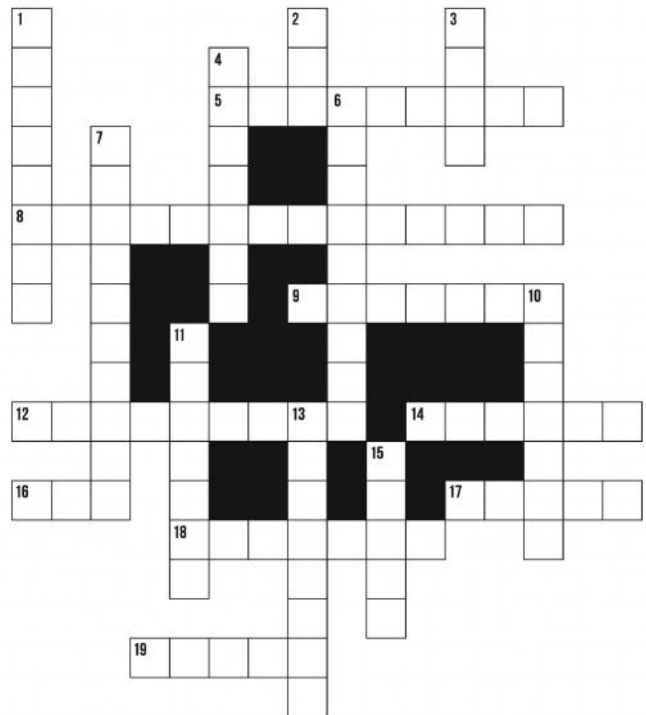


Conde

- Oct 22 Janice Hanson
- Oct 29 Marcene Bruckner
- Oct 31 Andee Geist

Puzzle!

Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." Complete this crossword that emphasizes the natural phenomena of God's created world.



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| 1. windy snowstorm | 12. mass of snow, earth or rocks sliding down a mountain |
| 2. thick, obscuring mist | 13. the degree of moisture in the air |
| 3. frozen rain pellets | 14. a spring that spews boiling water and steam |
| 4. an area's normal weather conditions | 15. condensed water vapor in the atmosphere |
| 5. sudden electrostatic discharge in the sky | 16. frozen water |
| 6. violent tropical storm | 17. deluge |
| 7. shaking of the earth's crust | 18. when day and night are of equal length |
| 8. northern lights | 19. frozen dew or vapor |
| 9. partial or full blockage of the sun or moon | |
| 10. wearing away of the soil | |
| 11. large mass of snow and ice | |

Answers: 1. blizzard, 2. fog, 3. hail, 4. climate, 5. lightning, 6. hurricane, 7. earthquake, 8. Aurora Borealis, 9. eclipse, 10. erosion, 11. glacier, 12. avalanche, 13. humidity, 14. geyser, 15. cloud, 16. ice, 17. flood, 18. equinox, 19. frost

Groton Nov Family Committee

Carna & Cliff Pray

Linda & Gary Thurston

Cheryl Hanson

Lance & Kristi Hawkins, Kaycie

Rick & Sarah Hofer

Jay & Linda Johnson

Dale & Traci Kramer

Yvonne Lange

Laurel & Monte McNickel

Diann & Brad Morehouse

Karla Pasteur

Dwight & Eugenia Strom

Kim & Craig Weber

Honorary Members

) Doris Zoellner

) Marlys Rodman

) Susan Odland

) Rose Tewksbury

November Responsibilities

-) Check Kitchen Supplies for the month
-) Check & Clean Oven and Fridge as necessary
-) Coffee Hour workers (make coffee, provide cookies, launder towels, and remove trash)
-) 2 Ushers for each Sunday
-) Straighten the Sanctuary Pews
-) Change the banners as needed as per schedule in back of this book
-) Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
-) Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
-) Bring Christmas decorations in from the shed and fluff them so they are ready to put up. Check the lights on them as well.
-) Check and make sure the Christmas Eve candles are okay for the service early in the month in case we have to order new ones.
-) Check and make sure the Advent Wreath Candles are okay in case they need to be ordered as well.
-) Put up church indoor and outdoor decorations with December committee and all church members (check date with Pastor)
-) No Potluck if Men have their dinner.

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Groton UMC Mission
**ENRICHING SPIRITUAL
 LIVES**
 THROUGH CHRIST

| Groton Stewardship Report Aug 2018 |
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| Average Wkly Giving \$1,965 |
| Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,347 |
| Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 74 |
| Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$55 |

Our Church Happenings

- Oct 3 Groton UMYF 7 pm
- Oct 7 Groton 3rd Graders receive Bibles in Church - SS Teacher Recognition
- Oct 7 Groton No Sunday School
- Oct 7 World Communion Sunday
- Oct 7 Groton Graff Blessings Shower & Baptism
- Oct 8 Way Forward Conversations in Watertown 6 pm
- Oct 9 Conde Ad Board Mtg 5:30 pm followed by Bible Study 7 pm
- Oct 17 Conde UMW 9:30 am
- Oct 17 Groton UMYF 7 pm
- Oct 18 Groton UMW 1:30 pm
- Oct 21 Groton Rose Blessings Shower
- Oct 21 Newsletter Items Due
- Oct 23 Conde Ad Board Mtg 5:30 pm w/Bible Study 7 pm
- Oct 24 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Oct 31 Groton Trunk or Treat 5:30 - 7 PM**
- Nov 4 Groton Fall Dinner 11 am - 1:30 pm**

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